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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Ramón DELGADO (Venezuela)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 3 June 1996, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, appointed a Credentials Committee, based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fiftieth session, consisting of the following nine members: China, Luxembourg, Mali, Marshall Islands, Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and Venezuela.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 11 June 1996.

3. Mr. Ramón Delgado (Venezuela) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 7 June 1996 on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference. Additional information on the credentials received by the Secretary-General after the issuance of the memorandum was provided to the Committee by its Secretary.

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5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, as updated by the additional information received, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure, had been received by the Secretary-General for the representatives of the following 96 States participating in the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, (Islamic Republic of) Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudia Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated by the additional information received, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Conference was communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 73 States participating in the Conference: Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, India, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Kazakstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands,

Mongolia, Namibia, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Peru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretary-General, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee.

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 7 June 1996,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.